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## Farmers Plan More Pastures In Food Drive

By J. C. LOWERY

Extension Agronomist  
This is the first of a series on preparation, fertilization, and seeding of a permanent pasture, the cost of materials and seed will be discussed in detail.

ALABAMA farmers are planning more permanent pastures in an effort to increase livestock and livestock products in the market for victory campaign underway.

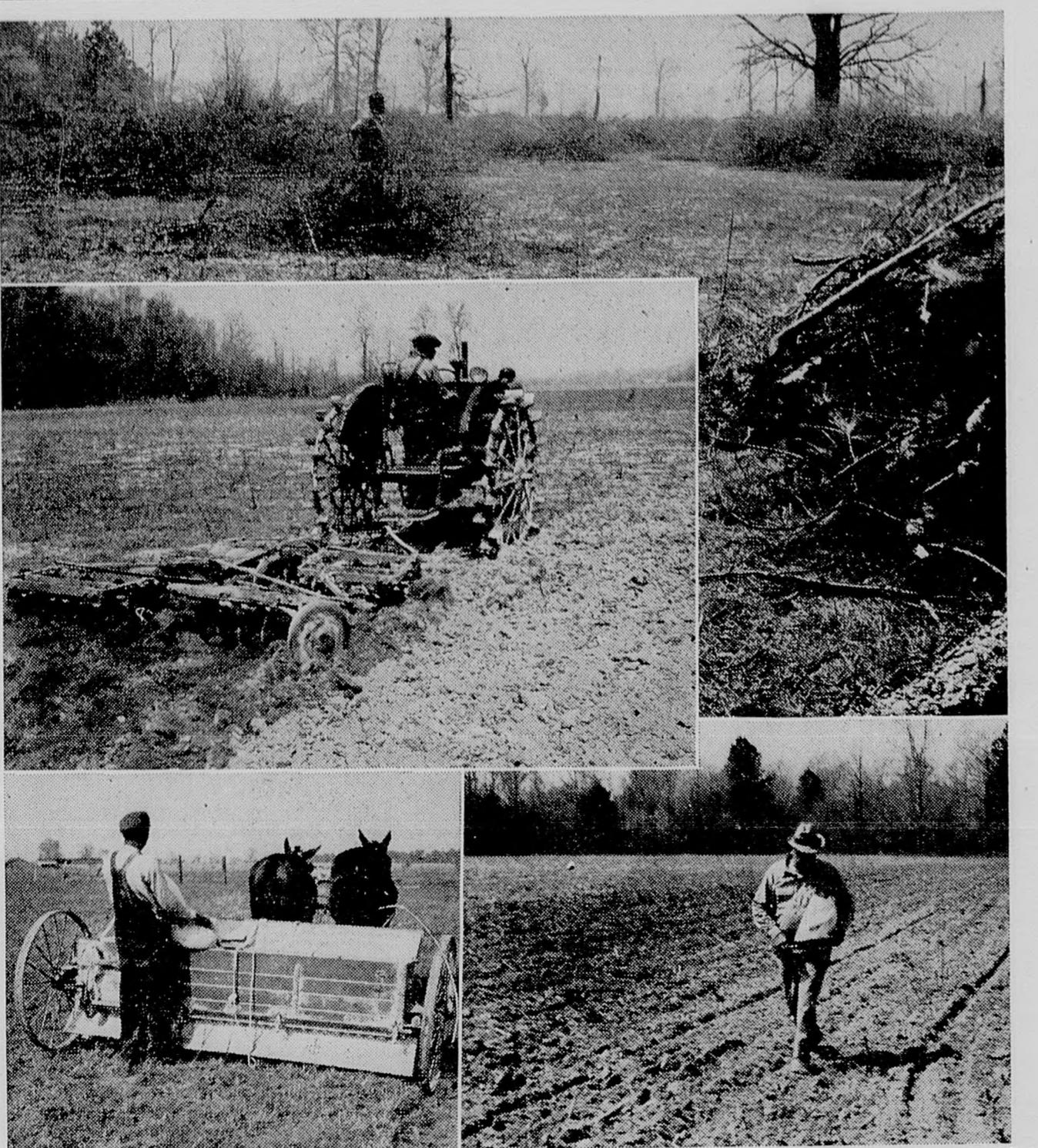
They know that just as feed is the basis for any successful livestock program, a permanent pasture is the basis for any successful feed program. As a result of feeding permanent feed at lowest cost, farmers are turning more and more to permanent pastures in an effort to help get the desired increase in milk production, hogs, and marketing of cattle. Indications are that a large acreage will be needed this spring and a good part of the work of establishing permanent pastures can be and should be done in January.

The first requirement in planning a pasture farmers find is proper location, with fertility and moisture being most important points to consider. The best areas possible are moist, fertile bottom lands should be used; there are plenty of creek bottoms grown up in brush and weeds that can be cleaned off without a great deal of expense or time. If no bottoms are available, hill soils are desired. Avoid high, poor, dry lands as soil that won't grow good crops won't grow good pastures—it takes good land for pastures just as it takes good land for any other crop.

The next step that can be carried out during the winter is proper clearing of the land. All brush should be removed leaving enough shade trees on the poorer part of the pasture; trees left on the better land cut down too much on grass production where it grows best.

Throughout the preparation calls for breaking and disking at least two weeks ahead of planting. Surveys made in Alabama reveal that 90 percent of the pasture planted on well prepared land were successful, while only 30 percent were successful in bottom areas where it is too rough for disk, a gae whiz may be used to good advantage. Where lime is to be used it should be disked in immediately after turning; phosphate is applied just before planting. Lime is used at the rate of one ton to eight, sandy soil, and on heavier soils at the rate of one to three tons. Five hundred pounds of superphosphate or one-half ton of basic slag per acre is recommended.

When planning a feed program, a definite statement should be made with regard to temporary (small grains and perennials) as well as permanent pastures, thus insuring feed the greatest part of the year at the lowest cost.



Clearing, cleaning up, and preparing for sowing of permanent pasture is going forward in Alabama as farmers plan to use more pastures to produce cheaper livestock feed. Here is shown land being cleared, disked, fertilized, and seeded. J. C. Lowery, Extension agronomist, writes an article on permanent pastures on this page.

### AAA Aid

A PAYMENT of three dollars per acre may be earned under the 1942 AAA program for clearing, cleaning up and preparing for the establishment of permanent pasture.

The practice must not carry a stand of potential timber of desirable species and the original condition of the area must be such that the operator can expect to be established on the area mowed without the removal of brush, vines, loose stones and trees. Any such clearing as is needed must be done so that the area may be seeded during the 1942 program year in accordance with seed and fertilizer recommendations.

Such land after established to a permanent pasture must be capable of carrying one animal unit for each two acres during a pasture season of at least five months.

### January Will Find Alabama Poultrymen:

By JOHN E. IVEY

Extension Poultryman

Making definite plans to use poultry equipment and buildings to capacity in 1942.

Deciding the exact date when baby chicks are desired and placing orders for them with the hatchery immediately.

Arranging to buy chicks from hatchery following breed improvement and disease control program. Everything being equal, the order should be placed with the local or nearby hatchery.

Giving serious consideration to starting two-thirds of the chicks in January and the other one-third the middle or latter part of April.

Checking all brooding equipment and getting it ready for immediate use.

### Fresh Vegetables Are Served Daily

By JOHN E. IVEY

Extension Poultryman

"I SERVE four fresh vegetables from my garden everyday as I know the importance of this in our daily diet," says Mrs. J. W. McGourk of Tallapoosa County as she tells about her year-round garden.

The fall garden had turnips, radishes, carrots, spinach, and radishes while there were twenty varieties of vegetables in the spring garden. Not only does she have fresh vegetables the entire year, but Mrs. McGourk has an abundance of canned vegetables and fruits.

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ELBA CLUB MEETS  
WITH MRS. ROWE—

The Three In One Study Club was entertained for the first meeting of the new calendar year in the home of Mrs. Sam Rowe, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7, with Mrs. James Wise, Mrs. L. P. Morrow and Mrs. Sam Rowe serving as joint hostesses. Seascut cutters and potted plants were used in decoration in the home.

Mrs. Claude E. Peeler, president, called the meeting to order and presided over the business session. Mrs. E. P. Geiger called the roll and read minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. J. C. Camley, Jr., corresponding secretary, read a letter of New Year's greetings from the Bradley family and read the report of the section of the American Legion. The treasurer made a report and Mrs. E. P. Geiger, chairman of blind-made sales, reported sales of \$100.00.

The subject of the program was "Women In Social and Political Life," was presented by Mrs. Stokes Hayes, who also housed Jane Adams and Evangeline Booteh; and Mrs. E. P. Geiger, who talked on Senator Hattie Caraway and Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

During the social hour following the program, the hostesses served a refreshment table.

Mrs. Baxley Bryan, Mrs. J. A. Carnley, Jr., Mrs. Roberta Childs, Miss Gladys Clark, Mrs. Claude Dorsey, Mrs. Pete E. Peeler, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Sam Sammer, Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mrs. L. P. Morrow, Mrs. Stokely Haire, Mrs. Gordon Mathis, Mrs. Eric Paul, Mrs. D. C. Peeler, Mrs. Frank Wilkes, Mrs. E. P. Geiger and Mrs. James Wise.

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